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SUBJECT: MINERALS REPORTING, SOUTH AFRICA

BUMINES FOR JAMES H. JOLLY

1. DURING RECENT JOLLY/SWEETWOOD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, JOLLY INDICATED THAT MUCH-NEEDED SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF MINES QUARTERLY INFORMATION CIRCULARS TITLED QUOTE MINERALS UNQUOTE ARE NOT ARRIVING WITH REGULARITY OR TIMELINESS DESIRED. WE NOW FIND THAT RECENT DELAYS, AT LEAST, HAVE BEEN DUE LARGELY TO STAFFING PROBLEMS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINES DEPARTMENT AND THAT THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR EARLY IMPROVEMENT. THE MOST RECENT ISSUE AVAILABLE, HERE AND WE BELIEVE IN BUMINES AS WELL, COVERS THE PERIOD APRIL-JUNE 1974.

2. THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT CONFIRMED SOUTH AFRICAN MINERALS DATA FOR THE SECOND HALF OF CY1974 WILL BE OBTAINABLE (VIA THE MINERALS QUARTERLY) IN TIME TO MEET MID-1975 ANNUAL CERP REPORTS AND BUMINES MYB REQUIREMENTS. IF BUMINES AND OTHER USER AGENCIES PERCEIVE NO OBJECTIONS, WE WILL THEREFORE ADOPT THE FOLLOWING INTERIM REPORTING PROCEDURE.

3. WE WILL AIRPOUCH IMMEDIATELY TO BUMINES (C/O JOLLY) PROVISIONAL MONTHLY SUMMARIES OF MINERAL PRODUCTION, LOCAL SALES AND EXPORTS COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT MINING ENGINEER FOR THE PERIOD JULY THRU DECEMBER 1974. WE WILL FOLLOW THIS UP WITH SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY STATEMENTS AS RECEIVED AND, IF EXCESSIVE SOUTH AFRICAN MINERAL QUARTERLY PUBLICATION DELAYS CONTINUE, WE WILL

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LATER VOLUNTARILY ADD THE MONTHLY SUMMARIES TO OUR NORMAL CERP

ROUTING SCHEDULE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO TRANSMIT THE MINERALS QUARTERLY TO ALL INTERESTED USER AGENCIES AS AND WHEN EACH ISSUE ULTIMATELY BECOMES AVAILABLE.

4. WE WILL USE AVAILABLE MINERALS QUARTERLY PLUS PROVISIONAL MONTHLY SUMMARY DATA (AS REQUIRED) TO MEET FORTHCOMING 1975 (CY1974) CERP REQUIREMENTS (B-4212, B-4213, B-4591 AND B-429). IN EVERY SUCH INSTANCE, WE WILL IDENTIFY THOSE STATISTICS TO BE TREATED AS PROVISIONAL AND WILL REVISE TOTALS WHEN CONFIRMED DATA ARE RECEIVED.

5. FILES HERE DO NOT FULLY REFLECT REPORTING GAP CREATED BY MURCHISON'S DEATH. PLEASE ADVISE IF BUMINES AND OTHER USER AGENCIES ARE CURRENT ON CY1973 MINERALS DATA FOR SOUTH AFRICA OR IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THAT PERIOD. WE WILL UPDATE ACCORDINGLY VIA SPOT REPORTING OR IN ABOVE-CITED PRESENTATIONS AS APPROPRIATE.
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